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US drop after hours as Trump imposes tariffs. SPY ETF -2%; ASX to rise

- Global markets.** U.S. stocks fell in after hours trading as President Donald Trump unveiled sweeping tariffs of a minimum 10%, but even higher for some countries.

The SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (SPY), which tracks the S&P 500, lost about 2% in after hours trading. The Invesco QQQ ETF, which corresponds to the Nasdaq-100 Index, shed 3.3%. The SPDR Dow Jones Industrial Average ETF Trust (DIA) lost 1%.

Shares of companies that are big importers were hit in extended trading Wednesday evening. Nike lost 6%. General Motors tumbled 3%. Shares of hard hit stocks over the past month as tariff fears swirled continued falling in after hours trading. Nvidia and Tesla were each off about 3%.

The White House unveiled a baseline tariff rate of 10% on all countries that goes into effect April 5. Higher duties will be charged against countries that levy higher rates on the U.S.

Wednesday saw further volatility roil markets as tensions ran high ahead of Trump's announcement, but stocks ultimately ended the session in the green on hopes maybe the tariff would be less stringent than feared. The S&P 500 closed 0.7% higher. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 235 points, or 0.6%, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite added 0.9%.

- In economic news.** Locally, the RBA will release its latest semi-annual Financial Stability Review at 11.30am. February job vacancies and trade balance data also will be released at 11.30am.

Overseas, the focus is on Trump's tariff announcement and the US and later US February trade data and weekly jobless claims.

- In other markets.**
 - AUD** +0.9% to US63.54¢
 - Bitcoin** +2.1% to \$US86,677
 - VIX** +0.01 to 21.78
 - Gold** +0.1% to \$US3116.21 an ounce
 - Brent oil** +0.7% to \$US75.04 a barrel
 - Iron ore** +0.1% to \$US103.00 a tonne
 - 10-year yield: US** 4.21% **Australia** 4.41%
- Futures.** ASX futures are pointing up 42 points or 0.5 per cent to 8019.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
<u>Local Markets</u>			
All Ordinaries	8,133.1	8,055.3	1.0%
ASX 200	7,934.5	7,828.3	1.4%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,208.2	2,225.0	-0.8%

<u>US Markets</u>			
Dow Jones	42,225.3	41,964.6	0.6%
S&P500	5,671.0	5,675.3	-0.1%
Nasdaq	19,581.8	19,736.7	-0.8%
Russell 2000	2,045.4	2,082.1	-1.8%

<u>Asian & European Markets</u>			
Shanghai Composite	3,350.1	3,426.4	-2.2%
Nikkei	35,725.7	37,751.9	-5.4%
Hang Seng	23,202.5	24,771.1	-6.3%
FTSE 100	8,608.5	8,706.7	-1.1%
DAX 30	23,390.9	23,288.1	0.4%
CAC 40	7,858.8	8,171.5	-3.8%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
Information Technology	4,058.1	4,112.8	-1.3%
Communication Services	322.6	327.4	-1.5%
Consumer Discretionary	1,625.5	1,570.6	3.5%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
AUD - Trade Balance MoM	12:30		
CNY - Caixin Services PMI	12:45		
USD - ISM Services PMI	1:00		

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
Lotus Resources	0.160	0.185	-13.5%
Elementos	0.087	0.057	52.6%
Frontier Energy	0.145	0.098	48.0%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
Oil - West Texas Crude	71.13	66.94	6.3%
Gold	3,190	3,055	4.4%
Gold (Aus)	4,975	4,790	3.9%
Silver	33.95	33.81	0.4%
Uranium (Spot)	76.00	76.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	23.17	25.19	-8.0%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	32.61	33.52	-2.7%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	14.43	14.64	-1.4%
Tin (Futures)	32,581	32,581	0.0%
Copper	5.03	5.12	-1.9%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
SPI200 Futures	8,019.00	7,936.00	1.0%
DXY Index	104.2	103.2	0.9%
AUD/USD	0.6285	0.6357	-1.1%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.85	3.98	-13 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.13	4.25	-11 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.28	0.27	1 bp
VIX Index	21.52	19.89	8.2%